

Layout of your essay

There are basically two ways to layout your paragraphs

35553 - a **five**-paragraph essay

3773 - a **four**-paragraph essay

3773 Layout - 4 paragraphs

Introduction = 3 sentences

Paragraph 2 = 7 sentences

Paragraph 3 = 7 sentences

Conclusion = 3 sentences

35553 Layout - 5 paragraphs

Introduction = 3 sentences

Paragraph 2 = 5 sentences

Paragraph 3 = 5 sentences

Paragraph 4 = 5 sentences

Conclusion = 3 sentences

Layout 35553

Either

- [Introduction](#)
- [For](#)
- [For](#)
- [For](#)
- [Conclusion](#)

Or

- [Introduction](#)
- [Against](#)
- [Against](#)
- [Against](#)
- [Conclusion](#)

What Makes a Body Look Good?

Introduction:

Three sentences

Present situation and/or Both sides of Argument (1-2 sentences)

What you are going to do in this essay / Your opinion (Thesis sentence)

Paragraph 2

Five Sentences

Topic Sentence: Argument 1 or Reason 1

Example, Explanation, or supporting detail (2-4 sentences)

Paragraph 3

Five Sentences

Topic Sentence: Argument 2 or Reason 2

Example, Explanation, or supporting detail (2-4 sentences)

Paragraph 4

Five Sentences

Topic Sentence: Argument 3 or Reason 3

Example, Explanation, or supporting detail (2-4 sentences)

Conclusion

Three Sentences

- Summary
- Present situation and your opinion Future statement

The 3773 Layout

Should parents be responsible if their children behave badly?

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| Introduction | |
| Present situation | Many crimes and social problems are caused by children. |
| | Despite the damage these teenage criminals cause, parents are not held responsible in most countries. |
| What this essay will do (Thesis sentence) | This essay will discuss whether parents should be forced to pay for their children's crimes. |
| Paragraph 2: Against | |
| Topic Sentence | There are many reasons why parents should not be responsible for crimes committed by teenage children. |
| Reason 1: Independence | First of all, teenagers today are independent. They often move out of the parent's house at 18 years of age or younger. They are expected to learn to take care of themselves and make their own decisions, and not stay like small children attached to their parents. |
| Reason 2: Parents working | Secondly, parents are working. They cannot watch their adolescent children all the time. |
| Reason 3: Parents have done their job | A third point is that even children from good families can sometimes commit crimes. Parents should not be responsible if they have worked hard to raise their children properly. |
| Paragraph 3: For | |
| Topic Sentence | However, because of the many problems young troublemakers cause, I feel we should make parents responsible. |
| Reason 1: Lack of Parental Control | Firstly, most juvenile crimes are committed by adolescents whose parents do not care or make any effort to control their children. If parents had to pay fines, they might make more effort. |
| Reason 2: Children not mature | Another point is that even though the children may seem mature, they are not really able to make good decisions. Parents should be responsible for raising and teaching their children until they are fully grown. |
| Reason 3: Children will think | Furthermore, if children know that their parents will have to pay, they will think carefully before doing getting into trouble |
| Conclusion | |
| Summary | In summary, there are good reasons both for and against making parents pay for acts committed by their children. |
| Future/Personal Opinion | However, I feel strongly that if we want to reduce the number of such crimes, we need to make parents take more responsibility. |